

Modern United States History
1877 to the present
2009-2010

Textbook: *United States History* (BJU Press)

Course Description: This course studies American History from 1877 to the present

Course Goals and Objectives

- 🔔 Give students an understanding of American History since 1877
- 🔔 Give students an understanding of how past events affect today's world

Classroom Rules

- 🔔 Treat others as you would like to be treated!
- 🔔 Respect other people's property!
- 🔔 Laugh WITH anyone but laugh AT no one!
- 🔔 You're responsible for your own learning!
- 🔔 Come to class and hand in assignments on time!
- 🔔 Do not disturb people who are working!

Unit Goals and Objectives










Unit 1 1877-1918

- 🔔 Students will identify major individuals during the post-Civil War era
- 🔔 Students will analyze changes and challenges in foreign policy leading up to World War I
- 🔔 Students will explain the rise of political power for the lower class men and women
- 🔔 Students will learn/review the states and capitals
- 🔔 Students will analyze the long term consequences of the Spanish American War
- 🔔 Students will come to a greater understanding of the romanticizing of the Old West versus the realities of the American West
- 🔔 Students will be able to explain the major causes of military conflicts during this era
- 🔔 Students will define the progressive movement and identify its principles
- 🔔 Students will outline the course and consequences of United States intervention of the Great War

Unit 2 1918-1945

- 🔔 Students will explore the changes brought about by the Roaring 1920's and the Great Depression of the 1930's
- 🔔 Students will be able to explain how America came out of the Great Depression and emerged as a World Power
- 🔔 Students will identify the factors which brought the United States into World War II
- 🔔 Students will learn/review the states and capitals
- 🔔 Students will memorize 44 presidents with special emphasis on those after the Civil War

Unit 3 1945-Present

-  Students will be able to identify the causes and effects of the main events in the Cold War and how it shaped the present
-  Students will be able to identify the causes of the major military conflicts of the Cold War era
-  Students will be able to explain the reasons behind the Civil Rights movement
-  Students will identify the significance of the space race for Americans
-  Students will memorize 44 presidents with special emphasis on those after the Civil War
-  Students will explore how political parties have changed in the modern era
-  Students will explore the effects of the presidents of the 1970's on society
-  Students will study the First Gulf War and how it has affected the United States in the present day
-  Students will review the years starting in 2001 and end in the present

Grading Percentages

Tests	35%
Homework	25%
Projects	30%
Classroom Participation	10%